

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2 and 3 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~The device for eliminating backlash of the threaded rod of a plane machine as claimed in Claim 1;~~ A device for eliminating a gap of the threaded rod of a plane machine comprising: a bottom base, said bottom base having four corners, each of the four corners respectively fixed with one of four
5 threaded rods extending upward, said four threaded rods respectively screwed with four threaded rod bases provided at the four corners of a planing table, said planing table adjustable to move up and down;

wherein four gap nuts are respectively screwed with said four threaded rods under said threaded rod base, four springs are respectively fitted between said gap
10 nuts and said threaded rod bases, said springs pressed tight when said gap nuts are screwed upwardly, said gap nuts screwed together with said threaded rod bases by bolts to prevent said gap nuts from loosening and turning around;

wherein each of the four gap nuts are screwed upwardly to press each said spring to push against said threaded rod base, said threaded rod base having its
15 inner threads moved upward to closely push against the outer threads of each said threaded rod, the gap between said inner threads of said threaded rod base and said outer threads of said threaded rod able to be eliminated, said planing table able to be stabilized to carry out planing smoothly and precisely; and

wherein said threaded rod base and ~~said gap nut~~ each of the four gap nuts
20 respectively have an annular spring holder formed at the outer circumferential surface for two ends of said spring to be positioned thereon, said annular spring holder of each said threaded rod base and ~~said gap nut~~ each of the four gap nuts are respectively bored with locking threaded holes and positioning holes preset in

number, at least one of said positioning holes aligned to one said locking threaded
25 hole, a bolt inserted in both said positioning hole and said locking threaded hole to
combine each ~~said gap nut of the four gap nuts~~ together with ~~each said one of the~~
~~four threaded rod base~~. bases.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~The device for eliminating backlash of the~~
~~threaded rod of a plane machine as claimed in Claim 2;~~ A device for eliminating a
gap of the threaded rod of a plane machine comprising: a bottom base, said bottom
base having four corners, each of the four corners respectively fixed with one of four
5 threaded rods extending upward, said four threaded rods respectively screwed with
four threaded rod bases provided at the four corners of a planing table, said planing
table adjustable to move up and down;

wherein four gap nuts are respectively screwed with said four threaded rods
under said threaded rod base, four springs are respectively fitted between said gap
10 nuts and said threaded rod bases, said springs pressed tight when said gap nuts are
screwed upwardly, said gap nuts screwed together with said threaded rod bases by
bolts to prevent said gap nuts from loosening and turning around;

wherein each of the four gap nuts are screwed upwardly to press each said
spring to push against said threaded rod base, said threaded rod base having its
15 inner threads moved upward to closely push against the outer threads of each said
threaded rod, the gap between said inner threads of said threaded rod base and
said outer threads of said threaded rod able to be eliminated, said planing table able
to be stabilized to carry out planing smoothly and precisely; and

wherein said each of the four threaded rod base bases and said gap nut each
20 of the four gap nuts respectively have said annular spring holder bored with an
annular spring receiving groove for receiving the two ends of said spring.